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David Werdeger, M.D., MPH
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Dear Dr. Werdeger:

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL OUTCOMES REPORTS

The data from the draft 1994 OSHPD's Risk Adjusted Measures of Outcome has been reviewed and our conclusions are as follows:

Acute Myocardial Infarction

Our hospital is 1 of 35 hospitals whose AMI data will not be included in the final report. Based upon our review of the data, it appears that the site (specific anatomic site of the heart) infarcted was not provided on a number of cases in our original OSHPD data abstracts. Our documentation and coding practices have been revised and data from this frame forward will meet the State's current specifications for inclusion in a study of this nature.

If there are any questions, please call Carlene Boyle, Administrative Director of Quality Improvement at (310) 222-2047.

Sincerely,

Tecla A. Mickoseff

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